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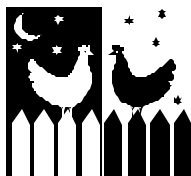
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged to higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand covered the full range, mostly moderate to good, best for ads and promotions. Supplies of smaller sized product was in good balance, but heavy weights were at least sufficient. In the parts structure, availability was irregular, usually adequate, longest for wings and thighs. Trading was light to moderate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/21/01-05/26/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	54.53	16	56.26	36
Chicago	50.00-55.00	53.63	45	56.18	79
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.20	24
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	59.58	18
Denver	67.50	67.36	18	67.40	22
Detroit	52.00-55.00	53.47	15	56.13	58
Los Angeles	68.00	65.61	67	65.28	147
New York	52.00-54.00	53.21	24	56.64	60
Philadelphia	51.00-53.00	51.80	10	53.56	24
Pittsburgh	51.00-52.50	52.20	10	58.09	55
St. Louis	53.00-53.25	52.61	20	54.26	42
San Francisco	68.50	67.55	29	67.96	58

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	05/21/01	Change/Last Wk	05/14/01	05/22/00
623	59.57	-0.38	59.95	55.62

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	57.00-62.00	61.48	42
Central	56.00-63.00	58.95	69
West	56.00-63.00	62.93	46

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	62.50-64.00	63.45	78
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,140	50.00-65.00	61.73

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	209.00	1,403
BREASTS - B/S	144.00	4,808
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.00	1,558
THIGH MEAT - B/S	97.50	765
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	9,673
WINGS	101.00	3,365

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate with mixed trading as Memorial Day nears and holiday needs are assessed. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate or available with wings longest, but attempting to become more balanced. Movement was fair. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fairly good over the weekend and mostly fair to moderate entering the week as dealers assess the market. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were in good balance, but the 3.5 pound and larger sizes were usually available. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged fair to fairly good, and was best where seasonal interest was a factor. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were generally adequate, and drums and leg quarters continued to clear well. Thighs were fully adequate and wings were readily available.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading on regular commitments were at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations on small sizes unchanged to higher and heavy weights unchanged to generally lower. Offerings in close balance on small sizes and generally adequate on heavy weights. Buying interest slightly improved. Retailer demand moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts: leg quarters 29.5-30 bulk 32.5-35.5 bagged 4/10's, breasts 82-90 bone-in 140-149 boneless, leg meat 90-100, wings 105-106. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down .07 to 58.88 with the volume reported at 33 loads up 10 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged from last Monday's final and TFEWR into Ohio. The whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings of additional product were adequate with trade interest moderate. Retail and food service demand was light to good, mostly moderate into retail and fairly good into food service. Floor stocks were balanced with sizes desirable. Parts movement was decent with best interest on breast items. Supplies were mostly in balance with boneless/skinless breasts and wings in the longest position. The market tone was steady to weak on wings and about steady on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly moderate. 2.25 thru 3.50 pound sizes were adequate to closely cleared. Heavier weights were available, but were generally noted as at manageable volumes. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, thighs and wings were available and slow to clear. Other items were adequate and in fairly good balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	50-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.84
NO. OF BOXES	14,300

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair as dealers limited purchases to normally committed product and cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate, but better balanced entering the week. Drums, legs and leg quarters were clearing well, however, thighs were noted as burdensome and slow to clear at some locations. Wings were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels ranged fair to moderate with fairly good clearances noted over the weekend. The market tone was fully steady on legs and leg quarters, about steady on breast items and barely steady on wings and thighs.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150		147.11	802,400
TENDERLOINS	135-140		144.08	104,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75		81.41	351,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	74		78.70	256,000
LEGS	40-41		44.87	263,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30		30.00	618,800
DRUMSTICKS	36-37		43.91	140,360
THIGHS	37-38		42.80	126,810
B/S THIGHS	88-89		91.95	60,170
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97		101.48	356,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.09	82,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		39.61	73,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		44.49	124,360

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,149	120.00-140.00	130-135	133.41
TENDERLOINS	290	133.00-235.00	-	164.83
BREAST - WITH RIBS	90	76.00-87.00	-	81.19
FRONT HALVES	480	68.00-78.00	73-76	73.92
LEGS		NO TRADING	-	
		REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	336	22.00-28.00	25-26	25.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,520	28.00	-	28.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	90	85.00-101.00	-	93.00
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING	-	
		REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,560	32.00-35.00	33-34	33.56

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
ALA	4,050	4,012	4.95	3,860	4.96
ARK	5,254	5,616	4.90	5,126	4.95
DELMARVA	2,363	2,347	5.11	2,362	5.09
KY-LA-TN	2,004	1,708	4.60	2,011	4.54
MISS	2,834	2,872	5.15	2,799	4.98
NC	2,660	2,604	6.05	2,587	5.98
TEXAS	2,350	2,324	4.80	2,328	4.75
TOTAL	21,515	21,483	5.07	21,073	5.04
MON	21,515(A)			21,073(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-May 2001 is estimated to be 32,189,000 up 1.79 percent from a week ago and up 3.04 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,622,000, last year 31,240,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	857	130.00-220.00	145-150	146.58
TENDERLOINS	294	145.00-235.00	145-150	153.23
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	74.00-81.00	77-80	79.79
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	88	40.00-48.00	40-43	42.09
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	365	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.40
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,610	27.00-31.00	28-30	28.76
WINGS (WHOLE)	102	88.00-102.00	95-97	96.82
WINGS (CUT)	642	100.00-118.00	110-115	113.21
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	46	93.00-97.00	-	96.13

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 21, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.00 - 55.50	52.37	52.74

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 21-MAY-2001 TO 25-MAY-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	135.00 - 152.00	135.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	74.00 - 92.00	76.00 - 81.00
LEGS	40.00 - 49.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 34.00	27.00 - 29.00
DRUMSTICKS	35.00 - 47.00	-
THIGHS	32.00 - 47.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	96.00 - 105.00	98.00 - 100.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-99
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-105
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102
	ICE PACK	94-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-121
	DRY PACK	123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	96
	DRY PACK	123
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

18-MAY-2001

CHICKEN

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	21.00	-	200,000	200,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00-21.00	16.00-19.00	976,000	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.39	17.64		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-20.00	10.50-16.00	1,976,720	558,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.75	13.24		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

18-MAY-2001

CHICKEN

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	16.00	50,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.50-19.00	11.00-14.00	3,304,800	1,876,800
WTD AVERAGE	18.04	12.95		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	13.50	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR

WEEK OF 21-MAY-01	CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	RANGE		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-12	9-9.5	9.13

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was about steady to steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE

WEEK OF 21-MAY-01	CENTS/LB	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	RANGE		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-10.5	7.25-9	8.24
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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